

ELIAS YOUSSEF MIKHAEL (ELLIS JOSEPH MICHAEL)

MARCH 6, 1958.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 161]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 161) for the relief of Elias Youssef Mikhael (Ellis Joseph Michael) having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Elias Youssef Mikhael (Ellis Joseph Michael). The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is a 40-year-old native and citizen of Lebanon, who entered the United States at New York on December 9, 1952, as a visitor. He is single and presently resides on a farm in Vicksburg, Miss., with his 68-year-old widowed aunt. It is stated that his aunt is in very poor health and is dependent on the beneficiary for the operation of the farm and that his departure would cause her extreme hardship.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated October 23, 1956, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to S. 4303, which was a bill pending in the 84th Congress for the relief of the same alien, reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D. C., October 23, 1956.

Hon. JAMES O. EASTLAND,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 4303) for the relief of Elias Youssef Mikhael (Ellis Joseph Michael), there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service files relating to the beneficiary by the New Orleans, La., office of this Service which has custody of those files.

The bill would grant the beneficiary the status of a permanent resident of the United States upon payment of the required visa fee. It also directs that one number be deducted from the appropriate immigration quota.

The beneficiary is chargeable to the quota for Lebanon.

Sincerely,

J. M. SWING, *Commissioner.*

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND
NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILES RE ELIAS YOUSSEF MIK-
HAEL (ELLIS JOSEPH MICHAEL), BENEFICIARY OF S. 4303

The beneficiary was born on January 17, 1917, in Barbara, Bibelos, Lebanon, and is a citizen of that country. His last residence abroad was in Lebanon. The beneficiary entered the United States at New York, N. Y., on December 9, 1952, being admitted as a temporary visitor for pleasure upon the posting of a \$500 bond to guarantee his departure. His last extension of temporary stay expired on June 9, 1955. He is presently under deportation proceedings.

The beneficiary is a farmer. He has not been employed in the United States. He has been supported in the United States by his uncle, Elias Abraham, who resides in Vicksburg, Miss.

The beneficiary is unmarried and has no one dependent upon him for support. He has four aunts and an uncle living in the United States. His parents and two brothers reside in Lebanon, and have always resided there. He worked on his father's farm with the exception of a period of about 4 months in 1942 during which time he resided in Tripoli, Lebanon, and was employed by the Governor of Tripoli as a ration clerk distributing meal.

The beneficiary of this bill is also the beneficiary of H. R. 5045, 84th Congress.

Senator James O. Eastland, the author of the bill, has submitted a number of letters and documents in connection with the case, among which are the following:

VICKSBURG, MISS., *August 4, 1956.**To Whom It May Concern:*

This is to certify that we, George E. Abraham and Ave E. Abraham, are the sons of Mrs. Helen Abraham and the cousins of Elias Youssef Mikhael (Ellis Joseph Michael).

Based upon information given us by physicians who are familiar with, who have treated, and who are now treating our mother, and further, based upon our own personal observation of her and her physical and mental health, it is our unqualified judgment that she is in a precarious state of mental and physical distress.

She is 68 years of age, and she is in poor health physically. This situation has been acutely aggravated and intensified by the anguish and perturbations she has experienced as the result of the death of our father last November and the prolonged preceding illness. The mental and physical problems, as is often the case, have contributed to the deterioration of each.

She is further extremely perturbed by the possibility that Mr. Elias Youssef Mikhael may not be permitted to remain in this country. She has come to love him as a son, and to depend upon him for actual assistance, as well as for solace and comfort. All of our brothers and sisters have their own families, or reside elsewhere, whereas Mr. Mikhael lives with her and has attended her throughout this trying period. Her emotional stability is further endangered by the approaching anniversary of our brother's death.

It is our sincere judgment based upon our knowledge of our mother, gained over the period of our respective lifetimes, that should Mr. Mikhael be compelled to leave this country it is most probable that she, Mrs. Helen Abraham, would suffer irreparable injury to her physical and mental health.

We sincerely request that Mr. Mikhael be allowed to remain with her for the next 6 to 8 months.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,
County of Warren:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned notary public in and for the foregoing venue, George E. Abraham and Abe E. Abraham who, after being by me first duly sworn, did state upon their respective oaths that all of the statements contained in the foregoing attached statement are true and correct to the best of their knowledge and belief.

GEORGE E. ABRAHAM,
ABE E. ABRAHAM.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 4th day of August 1956.

L. A. NICHOLS, *Notary Public.*

My commission expires October 25, 1956.

THE STREET CLINIC,
Vicksburg, Miss., August 4, 1956.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that I, Lucian M. Ferris, M. D., have known and treated Mrs. Helen Abraham for several years. Mrs. Abraham is now 68 years old and neither her physical nor emotional health is good.

Several years ago she lost her younger son who was serving with the Army Air Force. Each year she experiences severe emotional disturbances and is very depressed on and around the anniversary of this son's death. She is now faced with that annual disturbance. Last year her husband, Mr. Elias Abraham, died after a prolonged illness. During this illness Mr. Abraham's leg was amputated so that he was confined to his bed and a wheelchair. Both before and after the amputation he had lost control of his body so that it was necessary that some member of the family be with him constantly. This death and the preceding illness was another hard and trying period for Mrs. Abraham. The first anniversary of Mr. Abraham's death will be November 22, 1956. Mrs. Abraham will need care and assistance in the coming months.

Since December of 1952, Mr. Elias Youssef Mikhael (Ellis Joseph Michael), a nephew of Mrs. Abraham, has resided in her home. He has been a source of great comfort to Mrs. Abraham and she has come to depend upon him even more than other members of her own family. Mrs. Abraham's other children have married and have families of their own. Mrs. Abraham speaks of Mr. Mikhael as though he were a natural son.

It is my opinion that should Mr. Mikhael be forced to leave at this time, it would be extremely dangerous to Mrs. Abraham's mental and physical well-being.

Witness my signature this the 4th day of August 1956.

LUCIAN M. FERRIS, M. D.

MARTIN MEMORIAL CLINIC,
VICKSBURG INFIRMARY,
Vicksburg, Miss., August 4, 1956.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Ellis Joseph Michael, white male, aged 37, has been known by me for some several years past. He is currently residing with Mrs. Helen Michael Abraham, aged 67, his paternal aunt, whom I have known for more than 30 years.

Mr. Michael's aunt (Mrs. Abraham) is in poor health, and is highly emotional and has suffered from very unfortunate experiences during the past 14 years.

Her son, Spero Abraham, was killed in an airplane crash at the age of 22 on August 3, 1944, while in the military service. Her husband, Mr. Elias Abraham, died at the age of 72 on November 22, 1955, of gradual deterioration from diabetes mellitus after having had an amputation of the left leg due to diabetic gangrene.

Mr. Ellis Joseph Michael is of considerable aid and comfort to his aunt, Mrs. Helen Michael Abraham, and it is believed that her health and emotional status would suffer greatly if her nephew were separated from her after having lived in the same home for some several years past.

Respectfully submitted.

EMILE JABOUR, M. D.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 161) should be enacted.